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Note by the secretariat

1. At its fifty-second session, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights adopted, on 17 August 2000, resolution 2000/9 in which it requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize an expert meeting on a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to submit the report of this meeting to it at its fifty-third session. Subsequently, and pursuant also to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2000/9, paragraph 7 (b) and (f), the Office of the High Commissioner organized a workshop on the justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights, with particular reference to the draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in Geneva on 5 and 6 February, 2001.

2. The attention of the Sub-Commission is drawn to the report of the workshop, which was submitted to the Commission at its fifty-seventh session as document E/CN.4/2001/62/Add.2.

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